Thus, a total of Rs. 46.50 lakhs have been released for conservation and management of 800 ha. of mangrove areas. The State Government has undertaken pre-planting operations prior to afforestation activities.

Approval of Irrigation Projects under Forest Act

†T300. PROF. R.B.S. VERMA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that approval to the irrigation projects of various States is given by the Ministry of Environment and Forests under Forest Act, 1980;

(b) if so, the number of such projects approved during the last three years; and

(c) the details of projects of Uttar Pradesh which were approved during the said period?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) As per the provisions of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, prior approval of Central Government is required for diversion of forest land for non-forestry purposes including irrigation projects.

(b) During the last three years i.e. 1997 to 1999, 228 irrigation proposals were received from various States under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and out of these 163 proposals have been approved.

(c) The details of irrigation projects of Uttar Pradesh received during the last three years (i.e. 1997 to 1999) and approved are given in the enclosed statement.

Statement

Irrigation Projects of Uttar Pradesh

Sl. No.	Name of Project	Area (in hectares)	Remarks
1.	Anoopshar Left Irrigation Canal in Ghaziabad district	3.625	Approved on 12.05.1998.
2.	Banjari Kalabund MIP in Mirzapur	30.703	Approved in-principle on 21.08.1998.
3.	Jakhli Canal in Almora district	0.658	Approved on 16.12.1999.
4.	Madalkia Canal in Pithoragarh	1.00	Approved on 02.09.1999.
5.	Naulda Canal in Pithoragarh district	1.02	Approved on 06.07.1999.
6.	Datia Carrier Canal in Jhansi district	26.231	Approved on 18.02.1999.
7.	Lastar Canal in Pauri district	8.457	Approved in-principle on 06.07.1999.
8.	Kumaleshwar Canal in Almora	0.125	Approved on 27.03.2000.
9.	Pudiya Canal in Deharadun district	0.75	Approved on 06.01.2000
10.	Bhogpur Canal in Haridwar district	15.63	Approved in-principle on 01.02.2000.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.